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Letter dated 16 September 2011 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Third Committee

I have the honour to inform you of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-sixth session on 16 September 2011, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Third Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/66/250) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

May I also draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

(*Signed*) Nassir Abdulaziz **Al-Nasser**

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Allocation of items to the Third Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

2. Social development [item 27]:

   (a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

   (b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

   (c) Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.

3. Advancement of women [item 28]:

   (a) Advancement of women;

   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly.

B. Maintenance of international peace and security

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [item 62].

D. Promotion of human rights

5. Report of the Human Rights Council [item 64].

6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [item 65]:

   (a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

   (b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

7. Rights of indigenous peoples [item 66]:

   (a) Rights of indigenous peoples;

   (b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

8. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 67]:

   (a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

9. Right of peoples to self-determination [item 68].

10. Promotion and protection of human rights [item 69]:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

11. Crime prevention and criminal justice [item 107].

12. International drug control [item 108].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 121].

14. Programme planning [item 135].